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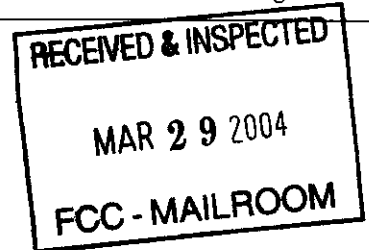
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March 22, 2004

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 – 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applicant – Dutchess BOCES
Billed Entity No. 124258
471 Application No. 359524
CC Docket No. 02-6
Request for Review

Gentlemen:

I am appealing the decision of the SLD dated February 10, 2004 denying our application for the following funding requests:

FRN 359524
SPIN 143001359
Service Provider – Verizon – New York Inc.
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Contract Expiration Date 12/30/2004
Pre-Discount Cost - \$678,818.76

FRN 972183
SPIN – 143001351
Service Provider – Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Contract Expiration Date 9/25/2004
Pre-Discount Cost - \$40,024.80

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A copy of the Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2003-2004 is attached.

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E-mail: CARLIND@ADMIN DCBOCES.ORG

Dutchess BOCES appeals this determination for the following reasons:

- A. The SLD Appeal Administrator asserts that Dutchess BOCES did not response to the requests of the PIA in a timely fashion. Attached is letter from Al Arauz, PIA dated May 7, 2003 requesting the Item 21 Attachments for Funding Year 2003. You will note that he includes three separate application numbers in his letter. **This appeal concerns application 359524.** Attached is copy of my Fax dated May 12, 2003 responding to his request and advising that the Item 21 attachment was submitted with the original certification received by the SLD on 1/30/03 and enclosing an exact copy of the Item 21 attachment. (Appeal Administrator acknowledged receipt of Item 21 Attachment on 1/28/03 and again on 5/12/03. See page 2 of denial letter.) At no time did Mr. Arauz advise that the documentation was not adequate to determine eligibility.
- B. Attached is e-mail from Adolfo Arauz dated Sunday 5/18/03 asking if the telephone services are also thru t-1 lines. I telephoned Mr. Arauz on 5/19/03 in response to his e-mail and advised that the application is for a Centrex based system, often referred to as Intellipath and was not a T-1 line. He advised me at that time that he had reviewed prior years' files and had seen the contracts. However, he stated that the prior year's PIA had processed it as a T-1 and he was "going to do this application correctly." Also attached is my Fax response dated 5/19/03 together with receipt confirmation. At no time did Mr. Arauz advise that the documentation was not adequate to determine eligibility.
- C. Attached is a copy of the 5/21/03 e-mail from Mr. Arauz. Only the last paragraph refers to this application where he states "we still need the **centrex** bill, but if we can get a description of the cables for #356597..." Mr. Arauz is now writing Centrex, but appears to be confusing the two applications. See below for response.
- D. Attached are Mr. Arauz's letter dated May 28, 2003 (requesting description of services two separate applications included in this letter) and my Fax dated 5/30/03 responding to his fax dated 5/12/03. Also attached is my letter dated May 30, 2003 enclosing contracts and vendor bills. (Appeals Administrator asserts SLD has no record of receiving bills or contracts.) On May 19, 2003 Mr. Arauz advised me by telephone that he had reviewed the prior year's file which contained the contracts.
- E. Lastly, attached is Mr. Arauz's fax dated June 6, 2003 again requesting a description of the service. I telephone Mr. Arauz on 6/9/03 and left a message on his voice mail since I was confused by his 6/6/03 fax. I received no return call from him and on 6/10/03 I faxed him (copied attached with receipt confirmation). I did not hear from Mr. Arauz again.

I assert that Dutchess BOCES responded to all requests of the PIA in a timely fashion as demonstrated by the enclosures with this appeal letter. Dutchess BOCES has filed an E-Rate application for this telecommunications services since Funding Year 1998 (the first E-Rate). **We have been asked to supply copies of the contracts each Funding Year since 1998** and have done so. All applications for the Intellipath service have been approved since 1998. There is no

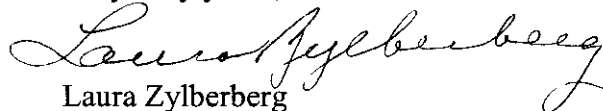
change to the contracts, service provider or consortium members in Funding Year 2003. The PIA acknowledged that he had reviewed the SLD file for Funding Year 2002 and had reviewed the contracts. The application for Funding Year 2002 was approved by the SLD

Centrex based services are included in the Eligible Services List for Funding Year 2003 (identified as a service). The description stated, "Centrex is a business telephone service that consists of a wide variety of features, such as call forwarding and call transfer, provided by central office software and extended to the customer's premises via local distribution facilities..." The Eligible Services List provides a description of a Centrex system and, therefore, I do not understand the repeated questions from the PIA for a service description. All applications for this service had been approved by the SLD since 1998 with the same service description used on the application for Funding Year 2003. The service provider was not able to provide another service description (see my fax dated 5/30/03).

Dutchess BOCES respectfully requests that the FCC grant this appeal and approve funding for this application.

You may contact Laura Zylberberg, Dutchess BOCES, 5 BOCES Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, telephone (845) 486-4800 Ext. 280; fax no. (845) 486-4824; e-mail address: zylberbl@admin.dcboces.org to discuss this appeal.

Very truly yours,



Laura Zylberberg



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2003-2004

February 10, 2004

Laura Zylberberg
Dutchess BOCES
5 BOCES Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Re: Billed Entity Number: 124258
 471 Application Number: 359524
 Funding Request Number(s): 972159, 972183
 Your Correspondence Dated: October 7, 2003

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year 2003 Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

Funding Request Number: 972159, 972183
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in full**
Explanation:

- In your Letter of Appeal, you state that, according to your records, Dutchess BOCES supplied copies of all bills and a written contract covering the requested services. You indicate that this application is based on written contracts that were in existence prior to the implementation of the E-Rate program. You note that the Verizon NY contract is dated 12/20/93, and the Frontier Communications contract is dated 9/26/94. You assert that Dutchess BOCES has filed an application for this service for every funding year since 1998, all of which have been funded. You state that there has been no change in the contracts involved in this application since 1998. You are requesting that the SLD grant this appeal and approve funding for these requests.

- Upon review of your appeal, it has been determined that you submitted the Item 21 documentation with your Form 471 certification on January 28, 2003, and again on May 12, 2003 in response to Program Integrity Assurance's (PIA) request. However, since the documentation submitted was not adequate to determine the eligibility of the services requested, PIA asked you for a description of the services and documentation to support the FRN amounts. This request was made on May 28, 2003, and you were advised that if the information was not received within 7 calendar days, the application would be processed on June 4, 2003 with the documentation that SLD had within the record. ~~As of June 4, 2003 no response was received, and on June 6, 2003, PIA again asked for the information outlined in their May 28, 2003 correspondence. PIA again notified you that if the information was not received by June 13, 2003, the application would be processed with the documentation within the record. You did not adhere to the time frame for providing a response. SLD has no record of receiving copies of bills or the contract in support of the amount requested on the FRNs. Consequently, the appeal is denied.~~
- SLD reviews Form 471 applications and makes funding commitment decisions in compliance with FCC rules. See 47 C.F.R. §. 54.500 et. seq. To conduct these reviews, SLD has put in place administrative measures to ensure the prompt resolution of applications. See Request for Review by Marshall County School District, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., File No. SLD- 220105, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, 18 FCC Rcd. 4520 at ¶ 6 (2003). One such measure is that applicants are required to respond to SLD's requests for the additional information necessary to complete their application within 7 days of being contacted. Id.; SLD Website, Reference Area, "Deadline for Information Requests," <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/deadline.asp> This procedure is necessary to prevent undue delays during the application review process. See Marshall County School District at ¶ 6. If applicants do not respond within this time period, SLD reviews the application based on the information before it.
- During the review of your Form 471 application, SLD sought additional information from you, and notified you that this information needed to be provided within 7 days. You did not provide this information within 7 days, or the information that you provided was insufficient to complete your Form. Your appeal is denied.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be **POSTMARKED** within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference

Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use either the e-mail or fax filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

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Universal Service Administrative Company

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DUTCHESS BOCES

Fax

To: Al Arauz, SLD (PIA Team 5)

From: Laura Zylberberg

Fax: (973) 599-6523

Pages: [Click [here](#) and type # of pages]

Phone:

Date: 5/12/2003

Re: App No 356597, 359524, 360026

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If you need anything further to assist you in your review of these applications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

May 7, 2003

Ms. Zylberberg
845-486-4800

Application Number – 360026,359524,356597

T-1 J. [unclear] DL

Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) is in the process of reviewing all Form 471 Applications for schools and libraries discounts to ensure that they are in compliance with the rules of the federal universal service program. I am currently in the process of reviewing your Funding Year 2003 Form 471 Application. To complete my review I need some additional information. The information needed to complete the review is listed below.

*Based upon review of your Form 471 application and/or the documentation you provided, we were not able to determine the eligibility of **Stissing Middle School**. In order to be eligible to receive discounted services, per the rules of this support mechanism, schools must meet the statutory definition of an elementary or a secondary school found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. Section 8801 (14) and (25)) and they must not be operating as for-profit businesses, and may not have an endowment exceeding \$50 million. Please provide documentation that will verify that the entity meets the definition provided above.

*Based upon review of your Form 471 application, we were not able to validate your requested discount percentage of 50% for **Stissing Middle School**, we could only validate a discount percentage of 20%. If you agree that this entity should be eligible for the discount percentage we could validate, please send us a written statement verifying that you accept the modification to the discount percentage. If you choose to validate your original requested discount percentage of 90%, then please provide the appropriate documentation if one of the following acceptable methods were used:

- a. If the school participates in a National School Lunch Program (NSLP), please provide us a signed copy (preferably by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent, or Director of Food Services) of the Reimbursement Claim Form that the school sends to the state each month. Make sure that the following 3 items are identified:

- 1) The Entity name
- 2) The total number of students enrolled at the entity
- 3) The total number of students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch Program for the entity

If the school district fills out an aggregate form for the school district, provide a signed letter from a school official (preferably the Superintendent) that lists the Free/Reduced information for each school in the district.

- b. If the discount percentage was determined by information obtained from a survey/application, please provide the following information:
- 1) Total number of students enrolled
 - 2) Total number of surveys/applications sent out
 - 3) Number of surveys/applications returned
 - 4) Total number of students qualified for NSLP per the returned surveys/applications
 - 5) Are the surveys/applications and results kept on file.
 - 6) Provide a sample copy of a FILLED OUT SURVEY/APPLICATION with the child's personal information crossed out for confidentiality.
 - 7) A signed certification that reads: "I certify that only those students who meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines of the National School Lunch Program have been included in Column 5 of Item 10b, of Block 4 (Worksheet A) of the Form 471 "
 - 8) This information must be in writing on school letterhead and signed by a school official (such as the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent, Director of Food Services).
- c. If the discount was determined using a different method than what was identified above, please indicate the method that was used.

✓ *For Application # 356597- Funding request # 962062,962104,962134:

The SLD has not yet received the Item 21 Attachments for Funding Year 2003 Form 471 application # 356597. In order to process the Form 471, we must receive the Item 21 Attachments. If you are unsure what constitutes an Item 21 Attachment, please refer to the Form 471 Instructions available at: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/data/pdf/i471yr6.pdf>.

If you have not yet submitted the Item 21 Attachments please forward the Item 21 Attachments to our attention at the fax number indicated below, so we can begin to process the Form 471.

If you have already submitted the Item 21 Attachments, please fax an EXACT COPY of the Item 21 Attachments that were previously submitted. If you do not wish to resubmit the Item 21 Attachment, you are not required to do so. We will process your application once the Item 21 Attachments have been scanned into our system.

✓ *For Application #359524-Funding Request # 972159, 972183:

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Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested so PIA can complete its review. **Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding. Please send the requested information within seven calendar days.**

Al Arauz

PIA

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FAX TRANSMISSION COVER SHEET

To L Zlyberberg
Fax 18454864824
Subject #356597,359524,360026
From Al Arauz (PIA Team5)
Date May 07, 2003
Time 9 23 19 AM

YOU SHOULD RECEIVE 5 PAGE(S), INCLUDING THIS COVER SHEET IF YOU DO NOT
RECEIVE ALL THE PAGES, PLEASE CALL THE CONTACT SPECIFIED BELOW

Ms Zylberberg-

Please see attached letter, please note that as per program rules, all responses to information requests must be faxed into our offices within 7 calendar days. On May 14, these applications will be processed with the supports then available

Adolfo Arauz
PIA
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Date sent: Wed, 21 May 2003 14:19:34 -0400
From: "Adolfo Arauz" <aarauz@sl.universalservice.org>
To: <Zylberbl@admin.dcboces.org>
Subject: #356597

Laura,

You mentioned that the distance learning funding requests were via fiber optic connections. I think I can spare us all alot of work digging up bills for all three funding requests in application #356597

Is there anywhere on this contract that is describing the cable ? Perhaps it is OC-3 ? the reason I ask is because if that is the case, I can approve that (that's between you and me), It is my gut feeling that a description on the type of cable might spare your staff and your self a ton of work.

Application # 359524, unfortunately, we still need the centrex bill, but if we can get a description of the cables for #356597- we can save ourselves a ton of work, wait and general nonsense, get back to me.

al

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Fax

To: Al Arauz, SLD (PIA Team 5)

From: Laura Zylberberg

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Phone:

Date: 5/19/2003

Re: App No 360026

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Al,

This is in response to your fax dated 5/18/03 requesting Vendor quotes or representative documentation to support the funding requests under the above application number. As I advised in my earlier fax today, the FRN amounts were based on actual expenses. Attached to this fax are copies of the vendor bills received. I have inserted a page with the respective FRN number in front of the vendor bills.

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APPLICATION 360026 – In your e-mail of 5/18/03 you ask if all four funding requests are T-1 lines. Attached is the Item 21 Attachment submitted with my application. I identified on that attachment by FRN, the district, type of service, circuit number, provider and monthly cost. On FRN 973754 only two lines at 56K and all others are T-1 lines. I hope this adequately answers your questions.

If you need any further information, please contact me.

Again, thanks for your assistance and cooperation in the application reviews.

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Centrex
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APPLICATION 360026 – In your e-mail of 5/18/03 you ask if all four funding requests are T-1 lines

Date sent Sun, 18 May 2003 10:32:36 -0400
From: "Adolfo Arauz" <aarauz@sl.universalservice.org>
To: <Zylberbl@admin.dcboces.org>
Subject: #360026,356597,359524

Good Morning, Laura-

Looking at your past years' applications I've noted that all these local and long distance telephone requests and Internet access requests are thru t-1 lines. If this is the case again this year, can you please describe the services you are requesting for the following applications/funding requests so I may wrap them up in the quickest manner possible for all of us?

-Application 356597 *DL*
FRN 962062-
FRN 962104
FRN 962134

fibre connect

if these are thru t-1 lines, please state so.

-Application 360026 *T-1 lines*

all four funding requests are for Internet access, are these thru t-1 lines? please state so if this is the case.

-Application 359524 *INT*
FRN972159
FRN972183

phone system

can you tell me if these telephone services are also thru t-1 lines?

Please give this detail your prompt attention so I may wrap up the review process as a funding wave is upcoming, and it would be beneficial to all to include all three in that upcoming funding wave.

Please note that I am still needing any type of superintendent documentation on Stissing Middle school, as we had discussed.

If you have any questions, please contact me

Al Arauz
PIA
tele 973-428-7356

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May 30, 2003

Mr. Al Arauz
PIA Team 5
Universal Service Administrative Company
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Whippany, NJ 07981

Re: Applications Nos. 356597 & 359524

Dear Al

Reference is made to my fax of 5/30/03 (copy attached). Enclosed are all of the bills and contracts referred to in that fax. I have written the application number and FRN number on each document.

Let me know if you need anything more.

Thanks.

Very truly yours,

LAURA ZYLBERBERG

LZ:kd
Enclosures

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Date: 5/30/2003

Re: App No 356597 & 359524

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Al,

This is in response to your fax dated 5/12/03 requesting a description of service for each of the above applications and the number of lines for the FRN in Application 356597. I will answer your questions individually below.

APPLICATION 356597 – I previously advised that the service was “fibre optic connections” as noted in the Item 21 attachment. This application is for distance learning provided through fibre optic connections under existing contracts. It is a fibre optic loop connecting the schools allowing for full motion video, voice and data connectivity. This answer applies to all FRN associated with this application. Although you did not request it, I am sending you a copy of the existing contract for this application under separate cover.

FRN 962062 – I contacted Verizon concerning your question (is this a T-1 line). They responded this is a VRNC type circuit (video circuits). There are 17 circuits connecting all schools together. There is no local, long distance or cellular service involved in the application. I am sending you a copy of the Verizon bill we receive under separate cover to document our funding request level.

FRN 962104 - This is also a VRNC type circuit. The provider completes the service from the end of the territory boundary of Verizon to the Pine Plains School District. There is 1 circuit for this FRN. I am sending you a copy of the Taconic bill we receive under separate cover to document our funding request level.

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APPLICATION 359524 – I previously advised that the service was a “CENTREX based system, often referred to as Intellipath.” I contacted Verizon concerning your question (is this a T-1 line). They responded no. These are Centrex lines considered enhanced loop start central office lines. Verizon

May 30, 2003

was not able to provide any further information. Although you did not request it, I am sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the existing contract for this application.

FRN 972159 - There is no long distance or cellular service involved in this FRN. For this FRN there are approximately 1,232 lines. Under separate cover I am sending a copy of the Verizon bills we receive for each school district. As I previously explained, we receive a separate phone bill for each consortium member.

FRN 972183 - There is no cellular service involved in this FRN. It concerns local and long distance. For this FRN there are approximately 122 lines. Under separate cover, I am sending a copy of the Frontier bills we receive for the consortium members serviced under this FRN. For your information, the provider completes the service from the end of the territory boundary of Verizon to the district involved.

I hope that this information and documentation will enable you to complete your review of these applications. If you need any further information, please contact me.

Again, thanks for your assistance and cooperation in the application reviews.

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To: Al Arauz, SLD (PIA Team 5)**From:** Laura Zylberberg *Laura***Fax:** (973) 599-6523**Pages:** 1**Phone:****Date:** 5/30/2003**Re:** App No. 356597 & 359524

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Al,

This is in response to your fax dated 5/12/03 requesting a description of service for each of the above applications and the number of lines for the FRN in Application 356597. I will answer your questions individually below.

APPLICATION 356597 - I previously advised that the service was "fibre optic connections" as noted in the Item 21 attachment. This application is for distance learning provided through fibre optic connections under existing contracts. It is a fibre optic loop connecting the schools allowing for full motion video, voice and data connectivity. This answer applies to all FRN associated with this application. Although you did not request it, I am sending you a copy of the existing contract for this application under separate cover.

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May 28, 2003

Ms L Zlyberberg
845-486-4800

Application Number - 356597/359524

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Application # 356597

Distance Learning

Verizon

Funding Request # 962062- Please provide a description of the service requested (local, long distance or cellular) and the number of lines that constitutes this funding request.

Tacoma

Funding Request # 962104- Please provide a description of the service requested (local, long distance or cellular) and the number of lines that constitutes this funding request.

Integrity

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Funding Request # 972183- Please provide a description of the service requested (local, long distance or cellular) and documentation that is representative of this request.

Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested so PIA can complete its review. If you are unable to provide the requested information because your school has closed or will shortly close for summer break, please let me know when you will be available to respond to these questions. Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding.

If we do not receive the information within seven calendar days, your application will be reviewed using the information currently on file.

Al Arauz-PIA

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From Al Arauz (PIA Team5)
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Ms Zylberberg

Please see attached letter Also, please note that as per program rules, all responses to information requests must be faxed into our office within 7 calendar days. On June 13th, this application will be processed with the supports then available

Al Arauz
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*called Al
6/9/03 left message*

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